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TO: BONN
 FROM: MUNICH
 CONF: C/MLB
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UTILITY 201; 32W-2-29/1

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS OFFERED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO CHIEF OF STATION AND OTHER BONN OFFICERS. HAD OCCASION TO TALK WITH UTILITY ON 17 NOV, ANTE-PENULTIMATE EVE BEFORE ELECTION IN BAVARIA. HIS OPINIONS AND COMMENTS ON NUMBER OF ITEMS MAY BE OF BACKGROUND INTEREST.

2. UTILITY SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE FPD WAS GOING TO LOSE IN BAVARIAN ELECTIONS. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH THE SPD AND THE CSU, BUT HE COULD NOT NATURALLY TELL TO WHAT DEGREE. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH HE DID NOT FORECAST ANY RISE IN THE NPD'S FORTUNES IN THE BAVARIAN ELECTIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE DID NOT EVEN MENTION THEM. I TRIED TO JOG SOME COMMENT OUT OF HIM WITHOUT LUCK.

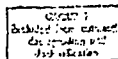
3. HE SAID THAT IF THE FPD LOST APPRECIABLY IN BAVARIA, THEY WOULD NOT SHOW THEMSELVES TO BE SUITABLE COALITION

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5. THIS DISCUSSION LED TO THE NAME OF STRAUSS. AS UTILITY PUT IT, "YOU KNOW, I AM NOT ESPECIALLY A GREAT FRIEND OF STRAUSS", BUT WE MUST LOOK AT THE MAN AS HE IS."

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UTILITY SAID THAT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, STRAUSS HAS BEEN QUIETLY STUDYING ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. ~~WITH HIS QUALITIES~~ HE IS NOW AT THE POINT WHERE HE HAS A HEIGHTENED UNDERSTANDING OF ECONOMICS. HE HAS, THEREFORE, BUILT UP THAT WHICH WAS MISSING IN HIS MAKEUP. IN ADDITION, HE KNOWS ABOUT DEFENSE AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, AND OF COURSE, AS FOR POLITICS, HE HAS IT IN EVERY VEIN. STRAUSS HAS MATURED, HE HAS RIPENED; HE HAS CHANGED FOR THE BETTER.

6. IT IS AN ERROR TO BRAND HIM PARTICULARLY AS A DE-GAULLEIST. HE IS NOT. HE MERELY TAKES THE STAND THAT FRANCE AND GERMANY MUST WORK TOGETHER. "AND THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN FRANCE'S AND GERMANY'S WORKING TOGETHER AND BEING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. NO SUCH DECISION IS NECESSARY. WE WOULD WORK TOGETHER IN THE MOST CAREFUL CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES," UTILITY SAID.

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7. ~~WALK~~ BUT GOING ON ABOUT FRANCE AND DEGAULLE, UTILITY CONTINUED, ONE OF THE RESULTS OF DEGAULLIST POLICIES IS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT NATO DOESN'T WORK. IT'S NOT THE IDEA THAT NATO IS NO GOOD. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS. BUT IT SIMPLY DOES NOT FUNCTION CORRECTLY.

8. UTILITY COMMENTED THAT "ALL THE MILITARY MEN IN EUROPE (AND HE MENTIONED LEMNITZER BY NAME) TAKE THE EUROPEAN VIEW" ON NATO'S FAULTS, IT IS ONLY THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY IN WASHINGTON WHERE THEY DO NOT HAVE THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY THAT MILITARY MEN HERE IN EUROPE BEAR THAT THEY SEE THE SITUATION SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY. IN THIS RESPECT HE AGAIN BROUGHT UP HIS VIEWS ABOUT SECRETARY MCNAMARA AND HIS REFERENCES TO HIM AS A LOGICAL "THINKING MACHINE."

9. IN CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER MATTER I HAD RAISED WITH HIM, UTILITY SAID HE HAD BEEN SPEAKING RECENTLY WITH

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WEHNER HAD TOLD HIM ("AND WHO KNOWS THE COMMUNISTS BETTER THAN WEHNER?") THAT THERE WAS NO POINT TO TALKING WITH THE SOVIET UNION (ABOUT GERMAN PROBLEMS). THE SOVIET UNION, WEHNER SAID, IS GOING TO TALK TO GERMANY ~~WHEN~~ WHEN THE SOVIET UNION WANTS TO. THAT WILL BE AFTER THE SOVIET UNION HAS ISOLATED WEST GERMANY FROM EVERYONE ELSE AND PUT IT IN AN AWKWARD POSITION AND THEN IS GOING TO COME IN WITH ITS ENTICING OFFERS OF THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER. AND THEN UNDERNEATH THE SOVIET SKIRT "ONE WILL SEE THE CLOVEN HOOF OF THE DEVIL," SAID UTILITY.

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